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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FOR: PROCESS FOR INJECTION FOAMING, AND MACHINE AND COMPOSITION THEREFOR

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The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims ~~1~~, ~~2~~, ~~8~~, ~~9~~, ~~10~~, ~~13~~ and ~~14~~ as follows, a marked-up copy of the claims showing all changes is attached hereto:

1. (Amended) A process for injection-foaming a thermoplastic resin using an injection molding machine having a two-stage compression screw within a cylinder and to which a physical foaming agent is fed at a midpoint of the cylinder, comprising:

(1) feeding the physical foaming agent into the cylinder from a storage tank at a pressure lower than storage